

Attorney Docket: 155/50324
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHINICHIRO YAGI

Serial No.: not yet assigned

Filed: August 22, 2001

Title: INSPECTION OBJECT SILICON WAFER FOR THE PURPOSE
OF DETECTING CRYSTAL DEFECTS AND THE METHOD OF
DETECTING THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Copies of documents listed on the PTO-1449 form, namely JP 11-237225, EP 796933, JP 11-100299 and JP 2000-228364, are not attached, because these documents are believed to have been forwarded by the International Bureau together with the International Search Report.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art

#1
Waller
2508

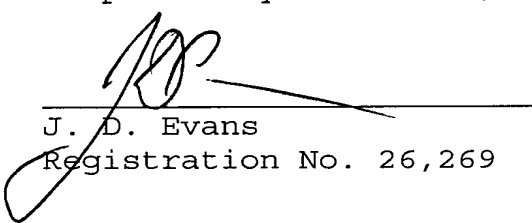
Serial No. (not yet assigned)

against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the documents by initialing and returning a copy of the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

August 22, 2001


J. D. Evans
Registration No. 26,269

CROWELL & MORING, LLP
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 628-8800
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844

JDE:dcb

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent & Trademark Office INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i> | Atty. Docket No. 155/50324 | Serial No. not yet assigned |
| | Applicant Shinchiro YAGI | |
| | Filing Date August 22, 2001 | Group |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|------|------|-------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Examiner Initial | | Document Number | Date | Name | Class | Sub-Class | Filing Date (if appropriate) |
| | AA | | | | | | |
| | AB | | | | | | |
| | AC | | | | | | |
| | AD | | | | | | |
| | AE | | | | | | |
| | AF | | | | | | |
| | AG | | | | | | |
| | AH | | | | | | |
| | AI | | | | | | |
| | AJ | | | | | | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|----------------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|----------------------|
| | | Document | Date | Country | Class | Sub-class | Translation Yes No |
| | AK | JP 11-237225 A | 08/31/99 | Japan | | | abstract |
| | AL | EP 796933 | 09/24/97 | EPO | | | n/a |
| | AM | JP 11-100299 | 04/13/99 | Japan | | | abstract |
| | AN | JP 2000-228364 | 08/15/00 | Japan | | | abstract |
| | AO | | | | | | |
| | AP | | | | | | |
| | AQ | | | | | | |

| OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) | |
|--|----|
| | AR |
| | AS |
| | AT |

| | |
|----------|-----------------|
| EXAMINER | DATE CONSIDERED |
|----------|-----------------|

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.